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2.   (Amended)   The method of Claim 26, further comprising the step of:

providing a key financial record corresponding to a key account that is associated with the

primary owner and is distinct from the group master data.

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4.   (Amended) The method of Claim 26, further comprising the steps of:

providing a second dependent financial record corresponding to a second dependent

account, the second dependent financial record having a second dependent strategy

for controlling group processing options for the second dependent account; and

adding the second dependent account to the group by linking the second dependent

financial record through the group master data to support group processing while

retaining independent processing of the second dependent account.

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8.   (Amended) The method of Claim 27, wherein the first dependent account's relationship

to the group is independent of the second dependent account's relationship to the group.

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9.   (Amended) The method of Claim 27, wherein the group master data includes a group identifier, group control settings, and group aggregate data.

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10.   (Amended) The method of Claim 27, wherein the first set of parameters defines a set of group processing options.

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12.   (Amended) The method of Claim 27, further comprising the step of:

deleting the first dependent account from the group by delinking the first dependent

financial record from the group master data, wherein the deletion of the first

dependent account does not affect the second dependent account.

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13.   (Amended) The method of Claim 27, wherein the first dependent account corresponds to a

general use card and the second dependent account corresponds to a private label card.

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15.   (Amended) The method of Claim 28, wherein one of the accounts is a dependent account, and wherein the set of group processing options for the dependent account is a dependent strategy.

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16.   (Amended) The method of Claim 28, further comprising the step of:

providing a primary owner for the group.

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18.   (Amended) The method of Claim 28, wherein the group master data includes a group

identifier, group control settings, and group aggregate data.

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20.   (Amended) The method of Claim 28, wherein the group master data includes an account history for each account in the group.